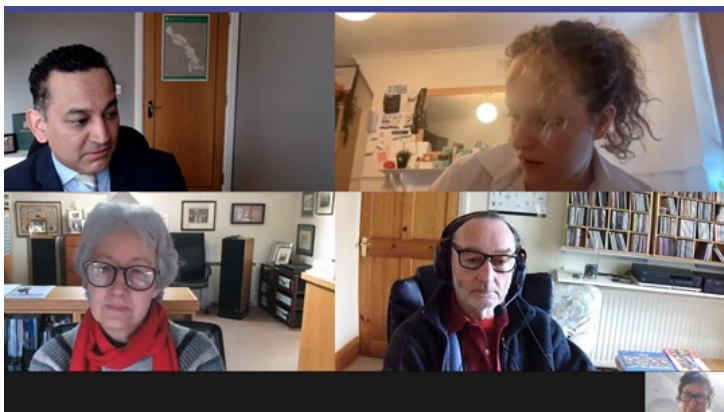


Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill

In January 2023 some of us in the Justice & Peace Group had an online meeting with our MP Mr Gagan Mohindra regarding the Retained EU Law (Revocation and Reform) Bill currently going through parliament. The Bill proposes scrapping over 3700 pieces of retained EU legislation on 31 December 2023 unless, before then, a departmental review proposes retention of, or changes to, the legislation or delays the sunset (meaning the date when they would be scrapped) until 2026. Those laws cover a wide range of things including competition rules, workers' rights, environmental protection and food standards. We concentrated in our meeting with our MP on those laws affecting the environment. The Retained EU Law Bill includes power to change these and the other laws with scarcely any scrutiny by parliament.



Individuals including church ministers might also like to write to our MP expressing their own concerns. They should ensure they include their address in any correspondence with their MP, whether this is Mr Mohindra or anyone else, as only constituents will receive a response.

For further reading and links to take action

<https://arocha.org.uk/1-uks-nature-protections-under-grave-threat/>

<https://www.wildlifetrusts.org/defend-nature>

SPRINGO!

A fundraising Bingo evening organised by Tring's Justice & Peace Group

Saturday 13 May

Doors open 7pm, games 7.30pm

Corpus Christi Church Hall

Bring your own cold drinks

Cash prizes PLUS prizes from local businesses

Raffle on the night

Tickets £10

Proceeds to The Disasters Emergency Committee and Justice & Peace Group, Tring.



For tickets email admin@tringbaptistchurch.co.uk

Tring is a Fairtrade Community

During Fairtrade Fortnight we visited the wonderful shops and cafes in Tring and the surrounding area to chat about Fairtrade. We were delighted that many already choose to serve Fairtrade tea, coffee and sugar. Please look out for the window stickers or ask about Fairtrade credentials when you visit. Let's keep our community a Fairtrade Community.



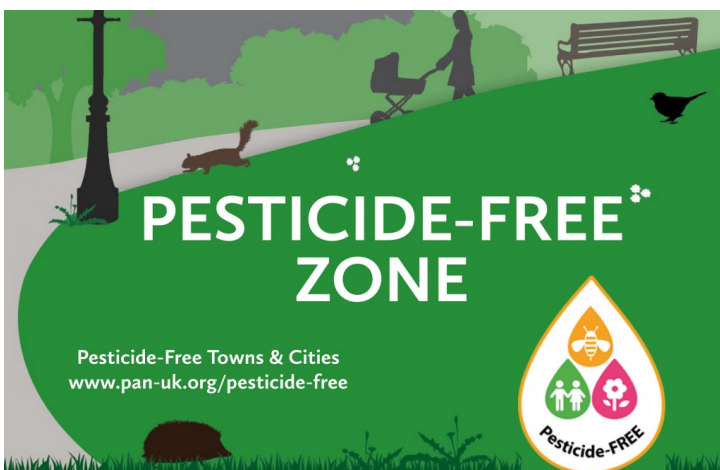
Seeking to make Tring pesticide free

Last year Tring was one of the first towns in the UK to be awarded Bee Friendly Town status. This award followed a campaign, led by the Justice & Peace Group, and joint efforts in practical action by individuals, churches, schools and other organisations in Tring. In an effort to do more for our bee-friendly town the Justice & Peace Group is now advocating that Tring should become a pesticide-free town.

At present the weedkiller glyphosate is being used to clear weeds in Tring. Glyphosate (also known as 'Roundup') has been shown to have an adverse effect on honeybees and bumblebees. It has also been found to have potential effects on human health – in fact, glyphosate has recently been declared a probable human carcinogen by the World Health Organization (WHO).

The Justice & Peace Group has written to town, borough and county councillors. We are asking that all three councils should consider working towards stopping the use of all pesticides, not just glyphosate, in areas under their control. Safe, effective alternatives to pesticides are available and we think these should be at the forefront of the councils' thinking for dealing with unwanted weeds and pests.

Other individuals and organisations can help as well by choosing to control weeds without harmful pesticides – there are many alternatives. For more information visit <http://www.pan-uk.org/pesticide-free/>



Bee Town activity at the Spring Fayre

We are looking forward to Tring Together's Tring Spring Fayre starting at the end of April. We will be focussing on our Bee Friendly Town campaign and hope you will be able to join us at one of our special events. Check out the Spring Fayre brochure in due course.

In the meantime, why not take a look at your garden and see how you might make it more pollinator friendly through planting and creating better habitats?



Keep in touch

The Justice & Peace Group in Tring is a group of like-minded people, striving to work together towards our mission:

**We believe in justice and peace for the world,
and for every individual within it.**

**We champion respect for the environment, human
rights for all and assistance for the needy.**

For up to date news from the Justice & Peace Group see www.justiceandpeacetring.org or follow us on our Facebook page **tring justice & peace group**. New members of the Justice & Peace Group are always welcome. If you would like to find out more, or join us at our monthly meetings, contact our secretary Michael on telephone 01442 823514 or email him at michaeldemidecki@gmail.com.